system through greater accountability and participation of farming community, bring in O&M changes, promote public-private sector partnerships, more linkages between research and extension, and training of researchers and extension workers in modern technologies.

**Foodgrain production in Bihar**

†2739. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: .

(a) the details of foodgrain production in Bihar during the last five years till date, year-wise;

(b) the details of production of kharif, rabi, pulses, oilseeds, milk and fish and other commodities during the above said period, year-wise?

(c) at present what is the requirement of foodgrains in the State and what is the current production; and

(d) what would be the total requirement of foodgrains in the State till 2020?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Following table shows the production of foodgrains, pulses, oilseeds, milk, fish and sugarcane in Bihar from 2002-03 to 2006-07:

(Thousand Tonnes)

| Crop | Season | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Foodgrains | Total | 11084.7 | 11212.6 | 7704.4 | 8586.8 | 9892.0 |
| Pulses | Kharif | 81.4 | 88.0 | 81.2 | 78.0 | 86.0 |
| | Rabi | 479.5 | 474.6 | 385.7 | 368.8 | 414.0 |
| | Total | 560.9 | 562.6 | 466.9 | 446.8 | 500.0 |
| Oilseeds | Kharif | 3.2 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 7.8 | 7.0 |
| | Rabi | 101.7 | 118.1 | 110.7 | 128.7 | 103.0 |
| | Total | 104.9 | 123.8 | 116.9 | 136.5 | 110.0 |
| Sugarcane | Total | 4520.5 | 4285.9 | 4111.7 | 4337.9 | 5211.0 |
| Milk | - | 2869.0 | 3180.0 | 4743.0 | 5060.0 | NotAvailable |
| Fish | - | 261.0 | 266.5 | 267.5 | 279.5 | Not Available |

*As per 3rd advance estimates released on 04.04.2007.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) On the basis of the montly per capita quantities of consumption of cereals and pulses for Bihar given in the National Sample Survey 61st Round (2004-05) Report and the population projections given by the Registrar General of India, the requirement of foodgrains in Bihar during 2006-07 is estimated at 17.24 million tonnes. As per the 3rd advance estimates released on 04.04.2007, foodgrains production in Bihar during 2006-07 is estimated at 9.89 million tonnes.

(d) Based on the procedure mentioned above, the requirement of foodgrains in Bihar during 2020-21 is estimated at 20.51 million tonnes.

**Welfare of fishermen**

2740. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fishermen in the country, State-wise and UT-wise;

(b) whether Government have developed any system of marketing the fishes for ensuring the livelihood of the families entirely dependent upon fisheries in the regions like the Islands of Lakshadweep, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Goa, Kerala, Orissa, etc., and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are preparing the guidelines in the rationing system to ensure kerosene oil to the fishermen families for the use of fishing purposes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) A Statement indicating State-wise and UT-wise information on fishermen population in the country is (given below).

(b) Under the component "Strengthening of Post Harvest Infrastructure" of Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Development of Marine Fisheries, the assistance is extended to all the States/UT including the Islands of Lakshadweep, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Goa, Kerala and Orissa on need basis for development of fish preservation, storage and marketing infrastructure *i.e.* retail vending kiosks, aqua shops, insulated/refrigerated vehicles, auto rickshaws with ice box. fish display cabinets etc.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.